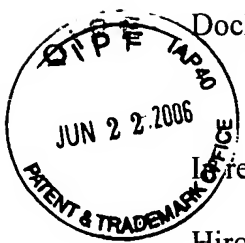


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Is re Application of

Hiroyuki TAKAHASHI, et al.

Application No.: 10/722,126

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 26, 2003. Since more than two and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 8, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

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